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WEATHER FORECAST
CHANGE.
Barometer 30.22

December 21st, 1912, Temperature a.m. 64, p.m. 66; Humidity...80, 77.

December 21st, 1911, Temperature a.m. 63, p.m. 65; Humidity...93, 85.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN QUESTION.

CONFERENCE ADJOURS.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 21. The Peace Conference adjourned to-night after two hours' sitting. The questions of the Greek armistice and the re-victualling of Adrianople were discussed. They will be discussed again when the Conference resumes on Monday afternoon.

TURKISH REQUESTS.

An official account of the Peace Conference states that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of Adrianople as a condition of negotiating with Greece. The Allies considered that the question had already been settled by the armistice, and was therefore outside the scope of the Conference. The Turks replied that they must therefore refer the matter to Constantinople.

Reuter learns that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of the besieged towns in the interests of humanity.

OPTIMISM.

The Delegates of the Allies yesterday plainly intimated to the Turks that the delays must end, but optimism prevailed when the Conference adjourned.

TRouble?

The unity of the Powers as set forth yesterday in an official communiqué contrasts with the situation at the peace conference, where trouble is apparently brewing, the latest Turkish instructions including a demand to re-victual Adrianople.

DELEGATES RECEIVED.

His Majesty received the Peace Delegates at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and conversed with them for half an hour.

AUSTRIA PLEASED.

A message from Vienna states that much satisfaction is expressed about the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, which is regarded as endorsing Austria's standpoint.

FRENCH PREMIER SPEAKS.

M. Poincaré, the French Premier, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, dwelt on the closeness of the agreement and the entente between the Powers on the Balkan trouble. He praised the initiative of Great Britain in arranging the Conference of Ambassadors which had succeeded in eliminating one of the principal causes of European discord. He believed that Servia would adopt the point of view of the Ambassadors. He understood that the autonomy of Albania would be constituted under the suzerainty of the Sultan and controlled by all the Powers. A port for Servia which would be free and neutral would be served by an international railway also controlled by Europe with free transit for all goods, including war stores, etc.

There remained delicate questions—the limits of Albania and many others—the solution of which depended on the result of the negotiations between the belligerents, of which it was impossible to forecast the issue. If unhappily a rupture occurred, Europe could not remain impulsive. France was devoted to peace and was resolved to work for peace, but she was determined to defend unhesitatingly the interests and rights and maintain the great traditions of France, safeguarding above all the sacred national honour. (Cheers).

The Socialist, M. Vaillant, said that the result of war would be a communist rising in France. M. Deschanel reported that in the event of a European war, all France would do her duty.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN QUESTION.

A SOLUTION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 21.

M. Poincaré, speaking in the Senate, said that the Balkans for the Balkan peoples was an equitable solution affording the surest guarantee of permanence when peace was signed that it would rest on solid bases. Turkey would retain considerable empire and would act wisely in listening to the wishes of the subject populations. France was determined to ensure respect to her interests in Lebanon and Syria. There was no foundation for the insinuation that Anglo-French discord had arisen on the subject. Great Britain had assured them that she had no political aspirations in these regions, and France was determined to maintain the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in Asia.

FUTURE HOPES

M. Poincaré's speech is regarded as evidence of the amelioration in the general European situation, while indicating the possibility of mediation led by France in the event of a rupture in the Peace Conference.

Reuter's correspondent Paris telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the cause of peace had made great strides within the last forty-eight hours, Austria having decided to come into line with the other Powers in urging moderation towards Turkey.

BULGARIAN READINESS.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that in the Ministry of Finance, in requesting a three months' vote on account, said that thanks to the favourable going of Treasury bonds abroad the army was well supplied with arms and ammunition and able to continue the war for six months.

King Ferdinand in an army order praises the troops for their memorable exploits and exhorts them to profit by the respite and prepare for fresh efforts.

SERVIAN REGRETS.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that the Servian Premier called on the Austrian Minister at Belgrade and expressed the regret of the Government at the blunders of the individual military officers in the affair of M. Proshasko, the Austrian Consul at Prizrend.

GREEK SUCCESSES

A message from Athens states that the Turkish army at Mitilene surrendered.

The Greeks in Epirus have captured Goritzia after forcing the fortified passes.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Minister of War has announced that three Turkish attacks were repulsed at Epirus since Thursday, and that the Greek Army has been considerably reinforced to enable Janina to be speedily captured.

NAVAL MATTERS.

VICE-ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN INTERVIEWS THE KING.

London, December 21. Vice-Admiral Bridgeman had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace on his retirement. It was prolonged for over an hour. Such interviews are usually only for a quarter of an hour.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

London, December 22. Admiral Troubridge has been appointed to command the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron.

TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER WRECKED.

CAPTAIN AND 21 DROWNED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 22.

A message from St. John's, Newfoundland, states that the Furness steamer Florence, bound from Halifax to St. John's, with a general cargo, was totally wrecked on Friday off Cape Race. The captain and 21 of the crew were drowned, while five were saved after being adrift in a boat for two days.

[The Florence was a steel screw vessel of 2,492 tons gross register. She was built for Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., in 1889 by Messrs. Short Bros., of Sunderland.]

COSTLY LITIGATION.

£7 A MINUTE.

London, December 22.

After a trial lasting forty-two days in the Chancery Court, before Mr. Justice Parker, the case of Sir John Airds, Limited, against the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board, has almost concluded.

The Judge has announced the findings of fact at which he had arrived regarding the charges of fraud, and reserved his judgment regarding the other facts and the law applicable to them. Mr. Justice Parker took this course because he understood that the matter would have been long since settled but for the charges of fraud. He appreciated the difficulty of compromising an action in which fraud had been alleged. Mr. Justice Parker found that there had been untrue representation, but this was due to gross carelessness and inaccuracy. None of the persons concerned had any intention or desire to deceive, or had knowingly made any mis-statement or dishonestly concealed or suppressed material facts.

The action is estimated to have cost £7 per minute.

SHIPPING DEADLOCK.

ANGLO-GERMAN DISPUTE.

London, December 22.

A deadlock has arisen between the British and German lines regarding the South African Shipping Agreement, over the trade with East Africa, where the Germans consider that their own interests should be specially protected.

Failing this, they intimate that they cannot see their way to renew the agreement with British lines trading with South Africa, expiring on the 31st March next.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

EVIDENCES OF GOOD TRADE

London, December 22.

Christmas shopping is proceeding with the utmost vigour and animation. There is every sign of great trade prosperity. Record shipments of presents to the overseas Dominions have taken place, and the Post Office estimates that 1,000,000 more Yuletide letters have been sent to various parts of the Empire than in 1911.

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT ASHORE.

London, December 21.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Beaver went ashore at Hartlepool. She has 200 officers and men on board. It is hoped that she will be refloated at the next tide.

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AFRICAN POLITICS.

CABINET RECONSTITUTED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 21.

The Right Hon. Louis Botha has reconstituted the Cabinet, which includes Hon. J. C. Smuts and the Right Hon. A. Fischer. The Hon. J. M. B. Hertzog is not included in the new Cabinet.

The Premier, in a communiqué, announces the recent speeches of Mr. Hertzog, suggesting that the Empire was only good so long as it was useful to South Africa. He declares that the South African nation can fully develop local patriotism as a national instinct within the Empire from which it derives its free constitution.

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

MR. F. E. SMITH'S PLEA.

London, December 21.

Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking at Dudley, said that he and his colleagues on the Front Opposition Bench unanimously endorsed the tariff policy of Mr. Bonar Law, who never said that the decision on the question of foot-taxes would be left to the Colonies. It was never proposed to abdicate the responsibility which the Home Government always owed to the people. Mr. Bonar Law had pointed out that it would be impossible for any Government to introduce Imperial Preference proposals without protracted consultation with the representatives of the Colonies, in order that they should tell us authoritatively what they consider vital in the carrying out of the policy. Mr. Smith urged any dissentient Unionists to await developments and not divide the Party in a time of crisis.

MR. WHITELAW REID.

REMOVAL OF THE BODY.

London, December 21.

The remains of the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid were removed with full military honours. The coffin was enveloped in the United States flag and then placed on a gun carriage, the escort being composed of cavalry and infantry and a band of pipers. Many Americans were present. Crowds watched the progress of the cortège from the U.S. Embassy to Victoria Station and respectfully saluted it. The coffin was later placed on board the cruiser Natal.

Naval honours were accorded to the dead Ambassador, minute guns being fired from H.M.S. Victory, while the shipping had their flags half-masted.

AFFAIR ON STEAMER.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, three Chinese seamen were charged with being concerned in the robbery, with violence, of \$150 from a member of crew of their ship the "Petchaburi."

It was stated that the boatswain had the money upon him in notes to be distributed among the crew as wages. The three defendants came up to him and asked for their wages, but the boatswain said he would have to change the notes into subsidiary coin before he could pay them. They then assaulted him and the first defendant took the notes. Two seamen came to assist the boatswain but were stabbed by the second and third defendants, one of them having to be removed to the hospital.

The third defendant was fined \$10 and the others were discharged.

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THE CONGO.

SOURCE IN N. RHODESIA.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 21.

Lieutenant Graetz has telegraphed to Berlin from Sakania in Belgian Congo, that it has been proved that Chimbezi, in Northern Rhodesia, is the source of the Congo River.

AN AIRSHIP EXPEDITION.

He announces his intention of organizing an Anglo-German airship expedition to explore New Guinea.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

DISTRIBUTION OF OXFORD CERTIFICATES.

This morning, at 10 a.m., His Lordship Bishop Pozzani distributed the Oxford Certificates to the pupils of the Italian Convent. As soon as he entered, Miss Bettie Elias played a piece; then some children of the Kindergarten Class sang "The Mariners" and one little child, Cissie Hoyley, recited a poem. Then His Lordship handed the Oxford Certificates to:

Senior: Marie Carmen Braga.

Junior: Lam Ching Ling;

Preliminary: Phoebe Christina Bowen, Vivienne P. Bowen, E. Maria Figueiredo, Leong Yut Ngan, Constance E. Martin, Hannah I. Murray.

The Reports of the First Period Examinations were afterwards handed to the pupils of the various classes together with the distinctions they had gained in different subjects. Then His Lordship addressed the Sisters and Pupils in the following words:

"Rev. Mother, Sisters and Children:

I have just performed the very pleasant duty to me of handing to the pupils of this School the Certificates which the girls have won at the Oxford Local Examinations held in July last. I am sure they will prize the medals which the Rev. Mother has asked me to distribute to them and which I hope they will keep as souvenirs of their successes at School.

Good as these results have been, and upon which I congratulate both the girls and their teachers, I hope those working in the present scholastic year will try hard to reward the efforts of their teachers with a number of passes at the examination next July that will place the Italian Convent School high in the list among the successful Schools in Hongkong in the Oxford result.

I will now touch briefly upon the Report of the Director of Education on the working of the School as a whole. From that Report I gather that such subjects as Composition, Geography and Dictation, the Director of Education has been pleased to state have been very good, and Grammar from good to very good.

Taking as I do, a large interest

in this School, and having as I cannot fail to have, the welfare of you all at heart, I must say that I congratulate you most heartily upon the Director of Education's flattering Report on the subjects I have just mentioned.

I am glad to think that you have kept well in mind the advice Sir Frederick Lugard each year gave you, when he was here, upon the importance and value of a sound knowledge of English subjects. Year after year we see, even in Hongkong, the field for labour broadening out for young ladies. Whereas, ten or fifteen years ago, cases were only very exceptional in which girls worked side by side with their brothers at desks in the same offices, now-a-days it becomes also a common sight to see

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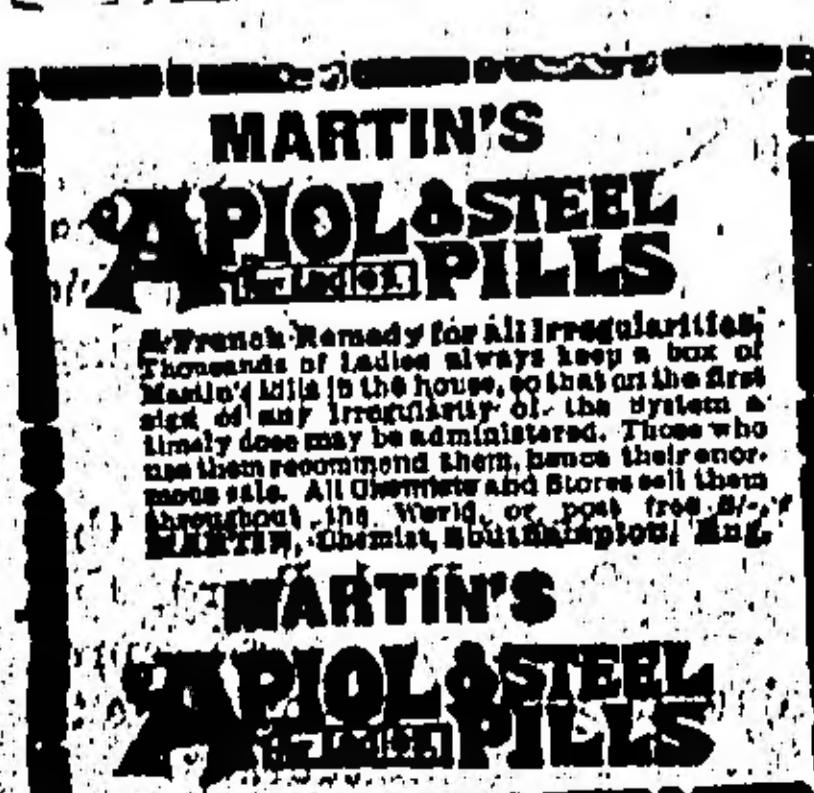
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South China Morning Post.

Playgoers and Their Pleasures.
There is certainly much to commend the proposal, (the formation
of a Playgoers' Society) for even though charitably inclined, qualified
persons have been tempted to criticise in harsh terms the
gifts and efforts of "artistes" who have strenuously sought to
entertain the public. The standard set was not a very high one
for many years; circumstances make it impossible for a company of
"principals" or star artistes to tour the East. We have been
content to see the performances, but have in our hours of meditation
contrasted them with those witnessed in some of the cities of
England. Hongkong has paid cheerfully for its pleasure, and
will doubtless do so again, but this is no reason why co-operative
effort—directed by a Playgoers' Club—should not tend to vastly
improve the standard of entertainment by encouraging excellent
organisations from all parts to visit the East.

Daily Press.

A Regrettable Attitude.
To pass from great things to smaller, though none the less
significant, the passing of the dragon emblem is a loss that will
mean a great deal to Chinese art and decoration, unless, as seems
not improbable, it finally survives and remains irrevocably associated
with China. Although the Manchu Emperors sat on the dragon
throne, wore dragon robes, and finally "mounted the dragon to become
guests on high," the fabulous creature was not by any means a
Manchu importation, but has played an important part in China
from the earliest times and has formed the motif of some of her
finest specimens of art. The ruthless extermination of the past
that we have noticed in these two instances may be traced in many
other matters—a notable example is the attempt, a few months ago, to abolish the
celebration of Confucian anniversaries—and in all there is
the same danger to be feared. One of the most precious assets
any country can be endowed with is a well storied past, a past rich
in the histories of great and noble men. No country is saved
or becomes great by its laws or commerce or military prowess
alone; there must be behind all these a true national spirit and a
feeling of pride in one's country, and this applies with especial
force to a State made up of heterogeneous elements, as China is.

China Mail.

Education in The Colony.
We feel sure that the statement by H. E. the Governor in his interesting little speech on Thursday at the Prize Distribution to the pupils of Victoria British School would be read by all Foreigners, and particularly British parents in the Colony, with very much attention. The remark of Sir Henry May which would especially appeal to them would be of course the following:—"I think that we in this Colony—by 'we' I mean the official 'we'—pay rather too much attention to the education of other people's children and too little to the education of the children of our own people." That this statement is true is regrettable; but the regret, we feel sure, need no longer be felt after the above remark, for to all appearance the Governor has the matter in view, and a remedy of the regrettable state of affairs may be, we hope, confidently anticipated.

Judge Attacked at Ichang.
The "N. China Daily News" Ichang correspondent writes on December 7.—Last night while a case implicating a soldier was being tried at the Court of Justice, the Judge gave a decision unfavourable to the accused and many of his soldier friends at once attacked the Judge and beat him. He was rescued, however, by an officer who managed to persuade the soldiers to return to their camp.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Torture at Hanyang. The "O. C. Post" says that torture was used in a trial at Hanyang the other day to extort confessions from two thieves. The torture system was nominally abolished before the end of the Manchu dynasty.

Knowledge of Baseball useful. Helens, Mont., November 2.— Charged by a wounded deer and unable to use his rifle which had jammed, Mr. Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington American League team, saved himself from probable serious injury by his old-time skill as a pitcher. Seizing a stone the size of a baseball, he threw and struck the animal on the head, felling it. He then killed the deer with the butt of his gun.

Strike on Canadian Pacific.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 5.—Fifteen hundred employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway are on strike to-day, demanding a wage increase of from 15 to 20 per cent. The men who went out are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and are composed principally of clerks in the freight department. The company claims the places of the strikers will be filled by to-night. The system west of Fort William, Ont., to the Pacific Coast also is affected.

Separation of Civil Authority.

The "N. China Daily News" states that the Shanghai Prefect has received an order from Tuhu Chen, of Nanking, to effect that inasmuch as peace and order have been restored, the separation of civil authority from the military is essential. The President has appointed Mr. Yiu Te-hung to be Administrator of Kiangsu, and the Tuhu has handed over matters of a civil nature to his control, so all orders on civil affairs issued by him in the name of Tuhu, shall be regarded as issued by the Civil Administrator, who, in future, shall have independent authority over civil questions.

A Quaint Collection:

Washington, November 12.—Aged, musty text books, no matter how begrimed or dilapidated, are wanted by the United States Bureau of Education. The Bureau has issued an appeal to those who may have some relics from the days of the "little red school house," and who might be induced to part with their keepsakes. The intention is to make a collection of rare textbooks and to add to the existing pedagogic library which the Bureau hopes to build up until it is the best equipped authority of its kind in the English-speaking world.

Awards to Chinese Firms.

The official list of awards at the International Exhibition of Turin has now been issued. While the International Superior Jury specially appointed to revise the awards proposed by the special juries has used considerable discrimination, thus avoiding as far as practical the recriminations common to similar exhibitions, the list includes not less than 30,000 names. Among the Chinese firms or individuals to whom prizes were delivered, is the Han-Yeh Ping Iron and Coal Co., to which was given a Grand Prix. Those interested may see this list at the office of Dr. Livio Silva, 89 Broadway.

Monroe Doctrine Substitute.

Washington, November 9.—Latin-American diplomats are discussing to-day the attack on the Monroe Doctrine made yesterday by Dr. Manuel de Oliveira Lima, of the Brazilian legation, at the luncheon given in his honour by the Pan-American Union. Dr. Lima frankly said that the countries of the western hemisphere were utterly opposed to the doctrine, not that they did not appreciate the protection of the power of the United States, but that they were resentful of the assumption by this country of the power of a protectorate. He offered as a substitute the communal opposition of the nations of the western hemisphere against encroachment on the principles laid down by President Monroe. The distinguished Brazilian has discussed international politics of the western world before a score of universities in this country, and after filling lecture engagements at Harvard and Yale, he will sail for Rio Janeiro on Nov. 20.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Midshipmen's Annual Exam. Abolished.

The Admiralty have directed that the annual examination of midshipmen is to be abolished. No examination was therefore held last month.

R.G.A. Instructor at Colombo. Captain H. G. Sergeant, R.G.A., has been appointed Gunnery Instructor of the company in Colombo, Ceylon, in succession to Lieut. R. V. Douglas who went home some time ago. Capt. Sergeant is coming out from Chatham and arrives in Colombo by the middle of next month.

Albert Medal for Colour-Sergeant.

The King has conferred the Albert Medal of the Second Class being upon Colour-Sergt. John William Henderson, 1st Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life on the occasion of an explosion at the Laboratory, Delhi Fort, on April 24 last, when, at imminent risk to his own life from further shell explosions, he entered the premises and rescued a Lascar, after which he returned to the danger zone to render further aid if possible.

A Military Degree.

For some time past the General Staff have been looking anxiously to the Universities to play a more prominent part in the officering of the Army and the Auxiliary Forces. There are encouraging signs of a response in a general inclination to forward the study of the military science, by means of lectures and otherwise. It is understood that University College, London, has taken a step further in the required direction by the institution of a degree in military science. The syllabus for the June course for the first year—which will be available for these sitting for the intermediate examination next summer, and for those who are candidates for commissions in the Regular Army—includes tactics, map-reading, and field-engineering; and for the second term, applied tactics and field-sketching. Any move in the direction of raising the standard of military education in the Army, and the provision of a reserve of really intelligent officers, is to be commended.

The New Naval Appointments.

With regard to the more important offices, it had already been stated when he left the Admiralty last December that Vice-Admiral Sir George Egerton was to get the Plymouth command when it became vacant. It is, however, somewhat of a surprise to find that Admiral Sir Alfred Winsloe, who assumed command in China in March, 1910, is to be relieved by a rear-admiral. This is an indication, perhaps, that the Eastern Fleet will in future be under the supreme command of the admiral flying his flag in the Australian Squadron. Apparently, also, the post of Chief of the War Staff may become an annual appointment, and in future be held by an officer of higher rank. Rear-Admiral E.C.T. Troubridge, who took command of the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron, is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, from the Naval War College. This change creates a vacancy which is to be filled by Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Bethell, who left the post of Naval Intelligence to take up that of the Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies, where he is to be relieved by Rear-Admiral R. H. Peirse, recently Director of Naval Target Practice. Rear-Admiral David Beatty, who is to command the First Cruiser Squadron, will also have been just a year in January the Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, in which post he is to be succeeded by Rear-Admiral D. De Chair, who was to last year the Naval Assistant to the Controller of the Navy. Vice-Admiral Sir F. S. Inglesfield, who is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral A. M. Farquhar, who has held the appointment of Admiral commanding the Coastguard and Reserves since December, 1909, and the other changes are generally called for by the regulations fixing the period of the command, although in one or two instances an officer goes from the appointment he is now holding to a better one, which is all in the direction of giving longer experience at sea to the rear-admirals in command.

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Departure From Colombo for the West:

The "Times of Ceylon," of November 30 has the following regarding H. M. S. Defence which, it will be remembered, passed through Singapore, under sealed orders, Westward-bound, about the middle of last month. Apparently she has not been in such a hurry to leave the precincts of the Colombo break-water as she was to depart from Tanjong Pagar wharf:—

Since Friday, November 22, H. M. S. Defence has been in the harbour awaiting orders. Only six months ago she proceeded to the China Station and was at Wei-hai-Wei undergoing her annual gun practice.

On the 22nd she was ordered to sail at four o'clock this afternoon, bound for the Mediterranean. And whether we shall get there or not we don't know."

The scene on board was one of quiet preparedness. There was no rushing about and nothing to indicate that anything out of the ordinary was going to happen. For eventualities the ship had been prepared. It will be remembered that we have already stated that the men were not allowed ashore except for a short period. All were aboard this morning and the only thing that remained to be taken up was the gangway. And so we lose our mysterious warship."

The ship steamed out of the harbour exactly at four o'clock, the ship's band playing several well-known songs, concluding with "Say au revoir, but not goodbye" and "Auld Lang Syne." The other warships in the harbour saluted her, and the band on H.M.S. Newcastle also played "Auld Lang Syne."

Consular Change.

The German Consul-General at Yokohama has been appointed Minister to Abyssinia. Herr von Syburg was appointed Consul-General at Yokohama on February 21, 1903, and with the exception of a brief interval in 1909, when Herr F. Thiel, now Consul in Kobe, was in Yokohama as Acting Consul-General, has represented his country's commercial interests in Yokohama for nearly ten years.

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THE LABOUR LEADER.

We stated, the other day, that the South Wales Miners' Federation at Cardiff had decided by 1,053 votes to 601—that each vote representing fifty members—that the salary of their agents should be reduced from £4 to £3 a week. On this subject Mr. C. B. Stanton, a miners' agent—and consequently a sufferer by the new rule—has been disburthening his soul in one of the Home papers, and it is only fair to concede that he makes out a tolerably good case for the agitating fraternity. We do not, of course, accept the initial idea that the paid agitator is any way needful or desirable; but, if he were, we should feel decidedly sorry for Mr. Stanton and his like; for they appear to be very much between the devil and the deep sea.

No one supposes that all labour-leaders are necessarily rogues and humbugs. We all know that there are scoundrels among them—creatures who are too lazy to do an honest day's work and are astute enough to know that, by exploiting the British workman, (who, as we have often had occasion to observe, is the most gullible being on earth) they can live in idleness. But, in addition to this amiable group, there are two others. (1.) the hard-headed workman with more brains and insight than his fellows, who sees an opportunity of bettering his own condition, *not*—be it understood—by merely living on their credulity, but by giving them what he honestly considers to be their money's worth in speech-making, organising etc., and (2.) the more fanatical type who firmly believes in the working man's grievance and considers himself specially ordained by Providence to banish that grievance. This type is undoubtedly the least mercenary of the three and would be willing to—in fact often does—do his agitating entirely at his own expense.

For the first-mentioned variety of agitator, no punishment can be too severe, for he is feathering his nest out of the workman's hard-won earnings, not caring a button if the workman himself starves. For the third group we would suggest kindly restraint, for, with the best will in the world, they make bad worse at every turn and do more harm with five minutes' tongue-wagging than a year's careful legislation can undo. With the middle group we owe to a sneaking sympathy. Such men have few illusions themselves and they rarely seek to bumbum those whom they represent; more often than not, they are fair-dealing persons who work even harder at their adopted calling than they would have done at their own trade. They have to try to please everyone; the merest sign of readiness on their part to see the other side of the question is construed by their followers as vacillation or even treachery; at any moment they are liable to be roundly abused by both sides, and altogether their three or four pounds a week are very hardly gained. The best advice we can give them is, instead of grumbling at their decrease in wage, to seek some more satisfactory calling. No one asked them to set up in the agitating line of business and they would do well to get clear of it. The next thing we look to hear is that the strike-leaders themselves have gone on strike for a higher wage.

"The Play's the Thing."

The suggestion, emanating from Shanghai, to form a confederation of Playgoers' Clubs in the Far East, has much to commend it. Hongkong, it is often alleged, has an especial fondness for musical comedy, but the attendances at "The Ideal Husband" last week (to go no further back) indicate that Hongkong has a large public which takes a strong interest in legitimate drama. It seems safe to assume that an active local Playgoers club would do much to develop that interest, while co-operation between a number of such clubs should result in fairly regular visits from companies of really good class. The scheme has much to be said for it and we hope to hear shortly that Hongkong has taken it up. There is plenty of material in the Colony for the formation of a society which would perform a really useful service.

The Admiral Bridgeman Case.

As we observed the other day, it seems well nigh impossible to get at the exact facts surrounding the resignation of Vice-Admiral Bridgeman. The discussion has brought about a good deal of bitterness in the House, but there is one feature of this which we cannot reasonably regret. At the present moment (whatever may be the merits of the case) we have the edifying spectacle of a man whose sole knowledge of naval matters has been derived from text-books, blue-books and hearsay, occupying the position of First Lord of the Admiralty, and contradicting, and laying down the law to, a man like Lord Charles Beresford, who is old enough to be Mr. Churchill's father and has grown grey in the service of his country.

Every Man to His Trade.

Mr. Winston Churchill may be an excellent politician; he may have 'been' a clever—if fanciful—war-correspondent; but it will be a long time before he persuades the mass of the British people that he can teach men like Admirals Beresford and Bridgeman how a navy should be controlled. The same kind of thing has also happened at the War office, time and again. Officers such as Lord Kitchener have been instructed in warfare by civilians who scarcely know butt from muzzle and the conduct of a whole war has been left in the hands of ministers who never saw anything very serious in the way of fighting in their lives. Is it not about time that ruling positions at the Admiralty and the War Office were restricted to men of experience?

The Tariff Muddle.

It is a thousand pities that, at a moment when unity above all else is needed among those who are opposed to the present Liberal Government, the complex tariff question should once again be thrust into the foreground of politics at home. And what is more to be regretted still, is the fact that the more Unionist speakers explain the matter, the greater becomes the confusion. We note that Mr. F. E. Smith, endorsing the policy of Mr. Bonar Law, says the latter never stated that the decision on food taxes was to be left to the Colonies. The full text of the speech has, of course, not come East yet, but the following sentences from Mr. Bonar Law's historic utterance are taken from the summary supplied by Reuter:—"If the Colonies do desire such an arrangement, there will be no food taxes. If they consider them non-essential for preference, then, also, they will not be imposed." These are words, surely, which it is impossible to misconstrue. One other point. Mr. Smith urged dissentient Unionists not to divide the Party in a time of crisis. Who, we would like to know, is dividing the Party but Mr. Bonar Law, by his new declaration, and other opposition Front Benchers who support it? They are the men who are creating all the trouble.

A Head Wound.

A Chinese has been removed to hospital from the Western district suffering from a wound on the head, said to have been inflicted by another coolie. The latter, it is alleged, was about to loot some of his employer's cargo and when the injured man tried to prevent him he inflicted a wound on the head with a cargo hook.

DAY BY DAY.

A great many people have no ideals at all; they have only appetites.

H. M. S. Kent.

H. M. S. Kent came out of dock to-day, and moored at the man-of-war anchorage.

Departed.

Mr. F. Lieb was among the passengers who left for the North by the Chiyu Maru.

The s.s. Kueichow.

The s.s. Kueichow came out of dock to-day after overhaul, looking spick and span.

Admiral Li.

Admiral Li, accompanied by his wife, was a passenger by the s.s. Chiyu Maru, for the North.

Child Abandoned.

A small child found abandoned in the Hung Hom district, has been sent to the Italian Convent.

The "Patria."

The "Patria," Commander Jose Carvalho Crato, has arrived from Macao and will remain in harbour for a few days.

German Cruiser Arrives.

The German cruiser Emden steamed into harbour yesterday from Foochow, and will remain here for a fortnight.

Ferris Hartman Company.

The Ferris-Hartman Company is due to arrive on the morning of Christmas Day and is to open at the Theatre Royal on the 23rd.

Depositing Rubbish.

A Chinese was fined \$7 by Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court, this morning for depositing rubbish in the street at West Point.

Christmas Mail Delivered.

The English mail which left here on November 23, carrying the Christmas parcels, was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Change of Run.

The s.s. Kueichow, usually on the Hongkong-Tientsin run, leaves for the Philippines to-morrow, taking the place of the Tean, at present in dock for overhaul.

Disabled Vessel.

The s.s. Keung Wai, from Bangkok, reports having taken in tow from Hoitow to Hongkong the steamer Wonghoi, the latter boat having broken her screw shaft on the voyage from Hoitow to Singapore.

Caught at Last.

In October, 1910, a man was sent to gaol for six weeks, but whilst in the ante-room he escaped. On Sunday morning he was arrested in Hung Hom, and this morning he was remanded by Mr. Hazelton.

Stolen Saddle.

A Chinese was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks at the Police Court for stealing a riding saddle and stable utensils from Kennedy's stables, the property of Mr. Grosson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Children's Sports.

Our readers are reminded of the Children's Sports at Kowloon on New Year's Day. There is still time left in which to subscribe, and the "Telegraph" list is still open. All subscriptions received will be acknowledged in our columns.

Allan Wilkie Company.

The Allan Wilkie Company, which created so favourable an impression here recently, is due to return early next month. The company will open on January 7 with Sydney Grundy's play, "A Bunch of Violets," and the season is to extend during ten nights, with one matinee.

Serious Charge Against Woman.

A woman was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with unlawfully receiving bank drafts etc., representing \$23,000. Mr. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, who defended, asked for a remand and this was granted, bail in \$500 being allowed.

Victoria Theatre.

It was hardly conceivable that the enterprising management of Victoria Theatre would allow Christmas to pass over without introducing some special feature into their programme of entertainment, and on Boxing Day a special matinee will be held at which prizes will be drawn for, as it were. Over \$500 worth of toys and sweets has been provided by the managers and each person in the Theatre will receive a ticket, the duplicate of which will be retained. The tickets will be drawn on the stage, and the winning numbers announced.

The feature should prove a great draw and a treat to the children.

THE BOYCOTT.

Yesterday's Free Rides.

There was no dearth of passengers by the cars yesterday; in both first and third class compartments free rides were granted to all and sundry. The sampan boys and the poorer members of the Indian community had the treat of their lives, for many of them gave the impression that they were indulging in a car ride for the first time.

It should be gratifying to the Tramways Company, however, to find that the free rides were appreciated in great measure by the very people for whom these were intended: those who have been terrorised out of riding by car. Yesterday these seemed to find safety in numbers and we noticed a very considerable number of adult Chinese of various grades riding to and from the market.

To-day it is the same thing, and the Chinese boycotters were in juring, were their own compatriots and not the British at all. By that means bitterness would be aroused, and all brotherly feeling, sympathy, good will and readiness to help in time of need, on the part of the leading Chinese, would be alienated.

He would remind them that the Chinese of Australia, the Straits and Hongkong had been the first to offer substantial help to China during the Revolution, and that, even in times of peace, the Chinese British subjects had been more than ready to help their poorer brethren in Kwangtung with money. How many millions of destitute people in China had been supported lately by Chinese who are making their money in Hongkong! If the malcontents brought about the destruction of Hongkong prosperity, they would bring misery to thousands in this colony, and to millions throughout China.

The Free Rides.

The Tramways Company had now very generously come forward with an offer of free rides for three days. This was an unusual thing but a sign of weakness; on the contrary, it showed the Company's understanding of the Chinese temperament, and the authorities were seeking—by

"I would like to make it quite clear," he said, "that we wish to do everything in our power to back up the Government. I think my remarks at the meeting at Government House and later, at the Chinese Commercial Union established that fact, and I hope the Press will continue to feel the same confidence in us as it has expressed in times past.

"When the Governor invited us to meet him last week, I was not in a position to speak as forcibly as on Friday, when I met the Chinese Commercial Union. On the latter occasion, as you have heard from other Chinese, I let myself go," and I am hopeful that what I said will bear good fruit. I explained to those present the exact attitude of the Government, and showed that H.E.'s sole wish, in taking a firm stand, was merely to preserve peace and order in the Colony; that it was no desire of his to make laws that would be in any way oppressive. I reminded them that, at one time or other, it was necessary to employ rigidly repressive measures where political or industrial troubles arose; that the Governor would fail in his duty to the British people if he neglected, under present circumstances, to act with firmness. It must not be thought that any animosity was felt towards them as Chinese.

Legal Tender.

Following upon this, Sir Kai Ho Kai quoted the speech which H. E. had delivered to his Chinese guests, and then proceeded to touch on the alleged causes of the boycott, demonstrating how utterly hollow were the excuses that had been advanced for it. Legal tender was legal tender, and there was an end of it. An English sovereign was a good coin, but no Englishman could demand that it should be accepted by a Hongkong tradesman, any more than he could force a shop-keeper to take (say) the old Siamese coins or a handful of shells. Similarly, Chinese coin was good—but it was not legal tender in this Colony.

He then explained the effect which the new ordinance would have. Some might contend that the innocent would be liable to suffer for the guilty, but he had H. E.'s assurance that the very fullest enquiry should be made, in every case, and that every person who came up for examination would be afforded ample opportunity to clear himself and to show that he had taken no active part in the boycott. But those present must bear in mind that when once the new law was enforced, the Chinese who have big interests in Hongkong would suffer considerably, and the sooner the boycotters were made to understand this, the better. Loyalty Chinese would not consent to see their business suffer, just to please a few disorderly persons, and if for this reason alone, the leading merchants were determined to support the Government. Then homes were here, their money was invested here, and they hoped to lay their bones here in the new Aberdeen cemetery; everything, in fact, argued in favour of their standing up for their rights against the men of their own blood who were seeking to deprive them of those rights.

The Real Losers.

The speaker then touched on the money side of the boycott. The Tramways Company would be compensated by the Government; then how would the boycott hurt the Company? The Chinese themselves would be the losers, because that compensation would have to be collected by the Government in the form of increased taxation; so that the people whom the Chinese boycotters were injuring, were their own compatriots and not the British at all.

By that means bitterness would be aroused, and all brotherly feeling, sympathy, good will and readiness to help in time of need, on the part of the leading Chinese, would be alienated.

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When the men were searched, very little money was found on them, their belongings consisting chiefly of watches and cigarettes.

Some of the captured luggage was labelled "San Hotel, Kobe," and it is understood that the men came from there to Canton, and thence to the colony.

It is stated that the total value of the notes is \$53,020.

FORGED NOTES.

Hongkong Police make a Great Haul.

On Saturday afternoon a sensational arrest was made by the Hongkong Police, of six Japanese, who were found in possession of many thousands of dollars worth of forged notes on the Kwangtung Military Government. The facts were briefly reported in the "Telegraph" on Saturday.

The arrests were made by Mr. King (assistant Superintendent of Police), chief Detective Inspector Collet, Inspector Murray, and Detective Sergeant Grant. The coup is stated to be one of the greatest that has been made in the Colony.

Mr. Chan Kiang Wa, chief of police in Canton and his staff co-operated with the British authorities in the investigations made preliminary to the arrests.

The arrested men, who looked well-to-do were brought to the Central

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

R. G. A. Versus the Club.
Saturday's game on the Military Ground on Saturday, between the R.G.A. and the Hongkong Club, had a remarkably exciting finish. The Club was leading until thirty seconds from the final whistle, when one of the halves had the misfortune to place the ball into his own goal through kicking at a ball that would have gone wide of the net, and in consequence equalising for the soldiers.

The Club lacked the services of Hamilton, through an injury to his knee which he received in the match played two days before, and Stalker played in his place. Brown appeared in the forward line again, playing centre with Pennell inside left. In the second moiety, however, they changed places.

From the kick off the soldiers took up the aggressive but there was very little finish about their play and their shooting was far from good. The Club defence was too keen to be fooled, and the match appeared as though it would be a very even one. Once Barlow was applauded for a save that was worthy of all the praise it received. The Club did not mean to remain idle and very soon arranged a dangerous incursion into the goal area of the R.G.A. There was no result from the first one, however, and a second was also fruitless but in the third the Club had their determination crowned with success. Wilson cleverly intercepted a clearance from one of the backs and nicely passed it to Benton who, in turn placed Pennell in possession the latter finding the net with a very fine cross-shot. The Club were not content with this goal, however, and did their best to augment the score but though they had their full share of honours in the exchanges that took place up to the interval they could not penetrate the goal a second time. The score at half time was: Hongkong Club 1 goal, R.G.A. nil.

The second half was very evenly contested, the soldiers putting in all they knew to get level but they found the Club defence a bit too cuts for them. The Club realised too that the soldiers defence had quickened a bit and they were forbidden too much of their own way in the quarter in their custody. The R.G.A. were very poor at shooting, however, and their chances of equalising suffered in consequence of their poor marksmanship. It was within the last thirty seconds of the game that calamity beset the Club. One of the halves in making a flying kick at a ball which was sent in, twirled it into his own goal. The Club took the fatal accident well and tried again to score, but time was too short, and they had to be content with draw in a game which, in truth they had won. Final score: The Club 1 goal, R.G.A. 1 goal.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

High scoring was the order of the game on Saturday between the Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison, played on the former's ground. Over 300 runs were scored during the afternoon while three scores of fifty and over were made by Capt. Crawford, Major Bowen not out, and A.C.E. Elsworth. The Garrison declared at 200 for six, against which Hongkong put up 139 for 4, leaving the game a very open draw. The scores were as follows:

The Garrison.

Capt. Crawford, c. H. Hancock	52
Capt. Robertson, l.b.w., b Dodwell	20
Lient. G. de Houghton, c Thursfield, b Anderson	31
Lient. Paris, b Fowler	3
Major Bowen, not out	54
H. Matthews, st. H. Hancock, b Anderson	27
Major Currie, st. H. Hancock, b Dodwell	3
Lieut. Bagwell, lout. White, the Rev. Foster-Pegg, and Lieut. Veitch did not bat.. Extras	10
Total (for 6 wickets) ... 200	
Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W.	
S. H. Dodwell..... 11 1 46 2	
R. Hancock..... 6 1 20 0	
D. E. Donnelly .. 3 1 18 0	
R. N. Anderson ... 14 2 72 3	
E. A. S. Fowler ... 7 1 14 1	
J. S. Lloyd 3 0 20 0	
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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Twelve Cases Dealt with This Morning.

This morning the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, sat at the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction, when, altogether, twelve cases were dealt with.

Mr. H. Nisbet appeared as Official Receiver.

In the case of Wong Ming Cho, a compradore, an order of adjudication was made and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

During his public examination, which followed, debtor said that last year he received sums amounting to £1,500 and this year £1,650. His liabilities amounted to £115,000 odd, and he attributed his insolvency to loss of business, bad debts, and loss on property at Hung Hom.

The Official Receiver:—Weren't you speculating in cotton?—No.

Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master:—Did you not sell in May last four houses in Sui Yung Pun?—Three houses. I had a half share in the property.

How much did you get?—\$13,000.

What have you done with that money?—Paid my creditors who were pressing me hard.

Have you \$5,000 out on mortgage on a piece of land at Fong-chun?—Only \$3,000 and no written deed.

Have you been repaid that money?—No.

You have not disclosed that to the Official Receiver?—I disclosed the actual debt but not the interest. The public examination was closed.

Losses over Contracts.

On the creditors' petition Lai Sing, a building contractor, was adjudicated bankrupt and the official receiver was appointed trustee.

Lai Sing, under examination, put his liabilities at \$30,000 and attributed his insolvency to losses over contracts, and inability to obtain the money on them. The public examination was closed.

In re the affairs of E. J. Da Silva Loureiro, the Official Receiver said that this was the debtor's petition. At the meeting of creditors, no resolution was passed, and therefore he asked that the Official Receiver should be appointed trustee, and debtor adjudicated bankrupt.

The application was granted. In the witness box, the debtor said he was a clerk earning \$250 per month and he was paying in instalments \$50 a month.

His liabilities amounted to about \$1,700, and he attributed his insolvency to misfortune, and borrowing money which he could not repay.

The public examination was closed.

Sheko Abdool Rashed, a chauffeur, was adjudicated bankrupt, and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

Debtor, in answer to Mr. Nisbet, estimated his liabilities at about \$500. His salary was \$50 a month, and he was undertaking to pay \$15 a month to his creditors.

The examination was closed. Chan Tung Shan, of the Yu Fung Lung firm, did not appear for public examination.

There Were Assets.

In the case of Leung Koon-kee alias Leung Koon-kee, trading as the Yick Lung Firm, Mr. Crewe, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, who appeared for the principal creditors, said that the debt on which the petition was filed was one of \$857 for money lent and that the act of bankruptcy was the service of a notice of inability to pay the debt. There were assets, the main one being funds in an insurance business in Hongkong.

The Official Receiver having no objection, an adjudication order was made.

Chan Leung, otherwise Chan Leung-kee, a contractor, against whom an adjudication was made, explained in public examination that his position was due to losses on contracts on the public roads of Hongkong, through excessive rains of last year and the increased cost of labour.

The human hair case had an echo in the matter of in re Hu Kwan Shun.

Mr. Hind, appearing for the petitioning creditor, asked for an order to be made, and the Official Receiver having no objection, the request was granted.

In the case of the Sin Leung firm, Mr. Nisbet said the debtor had absconded. There was no statement of affairs; a meeting of creditors was held; no resolution was passed, and he asked for the debtor to be adjudicated bankrupt and the Official Receiver to be appointed trustee.

The case of Tang Sun Kee was adjourned until the next sitting.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Alleged Theft of Tin from the Assay.

Two men were charged by L. S. Wills before Mr. C. E. Melbourne, and the Police Court, this morning, with converting to their own use twenty five blocks of tin, valued about \$2,500, entrusted to them by the P. and O. company from their ship the "Assay."

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who prosecuted, asked for a formal remand. He opposed bail.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada asked for bail as he was representing the two defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

His Worship suggested \$1,000.

Mr. D'Almada said that his clients were only boatmen and the police had their licence and had detained their boat for some time.

Mr. Lewis thought that no less a sum should be fixed.

His Worship said that the two defendants were a serious one.

Mr. D'Almada said that they could put anything on the charge sheet. When the case was heard it would be found that there was nothing against his clients.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 stating that Mr. D'Almada could renew his application for a reduction of bail if the amount could not be found.

STOLE A GAS BURNER.

A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was passed by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a man who stole a gas burner, from a latrine in Connacht Road Central.

Inspector McDonald asked for a heavy penalty as the Government had lost thousands of dollars through this practice.

His Worship said he was sorry he could not order a whipping.

BOAT PEOPLE FINED.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning, two boat people were charged before Commander Basil Taylor with disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master by anchoring their junks to the wrist of Proserpine Rocks on Dec. 22.

They were each fined \$10.

A boatwoman who carried 4 persons in excess of the number allowed by her licence on Dec. 22 was fined \$7.30, while another who committed a similar offence, with five extra passengers, had to pay a like sum.

For unlawfully depositing rubbish in the harbour and for failing to stop her boat when called upon, a woman on a fishing junk was fined \$5.

SOLDIER DISCHARGED.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a private in the Army Ordnance Corps was charged with doing damage to the extent of \$1.50 in Spring Garden Lane, by upsetting a tea tray which was being carried by the complainant.

European Constable 127 said that about 11.30 p.m. he was on duty in Spring Garden Lane, and he saw the defendant and the complainant on the top of the steps in Sampan Street. Defendant was arrested and taken to No. 2 Police Station. Defendant was not drunk though he probably had a drink or two.

Defendant said a boy was coming along with a tea tray containing toast and other things. He took a piece of toast from the tray. Complainant threw the lot over him, then ran away and blew a police whistle. Three policemen came and one asked him if he was prepared to pay \$1.50 for the damage. He replied that since the tray was thrown at him he would not pay. He was then arrested.

Defendant was discharged.

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LOG BOOK.

The New Thames Tunnel.

The new foot tunnel between North and South Woolwich marks an important stage in the history of that part of the Thames. The opening occurs at a time in the year when the need of a tunnel is most felt, for it was constructed mainly because of the inconvenience by fog, which frequently brings about a complete stoppage of the foot ferry service, thus preventing workmen and others from crossing the river. During 1900 to 1907 the ferry was suspended owing to fog for a total of 833 hours, or an average of 104 hours per year. The stoppages occurred during the early morning, when workpeople had to cross the river to their work. So great has been the inconvenience caused by the dislocation of the ferry service that many employers of labour were forced to give preference when engaging men to those who had no need to cross the river. The thickness of the river bed above the tunnel is about ten feet. The tunnel has taken over two years to complete, although the actual tunnel length was started in December, 1910, and finished in October, 1911. Access to the tunnel is obtained by lifts holding 40 persons each, and also by spiral staircases. London has now five passages under the river. Brunel's tunnel, between Rotherhithe and Wapping, now used by the railway, which took eighteen years to construct, was opened for traffic in 1843, and the other four have all come into use with the last fifteen—Blackwall in 1897, Greenwich 1902, Rotherhithe 1908, and Woolwich 1912. But it is more than a century since a project was put forward for constructing a tunnel under the Thames. In 1798 it was proposed to build one at Gravesend, but the scheme was abandoned. Other schemes were brought forward in subsequent years, but Brunel was the first to succeed where others had failed. For many years there was a sub-way at the Tower; it was begun in 1869, and when first opened passengers were conveyed on vehicles drawn by steam engines.

After a time, however, this was abandoned, and those who used the subway had to walk. The tunnel was closed in 1897. Blackwall tunnel cost a million and a half. The Rotherhithe tunnel cost £1,000,000, and that at Greenwich £180,000. Blackwall and Rotherhithe tunnels are for vehicular traffic as well as for passengers.

Light Destroyed by Sailing Ship.
At 2.30 this morning, says an Adelaide report, dated November 17, the Wonga Shoul Lighthouse, a structure 80 ft. high, situated a short distance from the Semaphore jetty and near the Outer Harbour, was destroyed by the sailing ship Dimsdale which came up the Gulf and entered the Semaphore anchorage without the services of a pilot. Both persons on the lighthouse were drowned. Nothing was left standing except a few broken piles. Fortunately it is not the custom at the Port Adelaide light station for keepers' wives and families to reside with them, otherwise the death toll would have been more serious.

The Dimsdale bears evidence of the collision on her stem and on her port and starboard bows.

All the South Australian lighthouses and those from Fremantle to Brisbane were promptly informed of the disaster and asked to communicate with ships bound to Port Adelaide, informing them of the calamity. Captain T. B. Richardson (chief pilot) went off to the Dimsdale early this morning. She was lying within a quarter of a mile to the north of where the lighthouse had stood. Captain Jones said that his vessel had taken a sheer and had run into the lighthouse. Asked whether the light was burning brightly he replied in the affirmative, and stated that he had not signalled for a pilot, as he did not want one. The accident, he said, happened at 2.32 a.m. He lowered a boat to search for the occupants of the demolished lighthouse, but nobody could be seen. In view of the pending inquiry he did not wish to make any further statement. He remarked, however, that he had been a master mariner for 35 years, and this was his first mishap.

At the time of the disaster a moderate south south east wind was blowing. That would be a fair wind for a sailing vessel approaching the Semaphore anchorage. The Dimsdale arrived from Bahia, Brazil, somewhat unexpectedly in ballast for orders. She has been to Port Adelaide on several

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Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
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do do do	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	7 January
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Ookley	Bank Line	End of December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	28 December
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January
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Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December
do do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	4 January

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Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjumahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	27 December
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	28 December
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Ningpo	B. & S.	24 December
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe	Tjimanock	J. M. & Co.	14 January
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
do do do	Vorwaerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Moji	Arratoon Apoor	D. S. & Co.	30 December
Kobe and Yokohama	Coblenz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
do do do	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	2 January
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikkō Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Anping and Tukao via Swatow and Amoy	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	25 December
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifang	D. L. & Co.	24 December
do do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	27 December
do do do	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	31 December
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	1 January
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. & Co.	28 December
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kusichaw	B. & S.	24 December
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	27 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	7 January
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	24 December
do do do	Carmarthenshire	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about
do do do	Dumbes	M. M. Co.	30 December
do do do	Altunark	H. A. L.	3 January
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	26 Dec., about
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Ludwig	M. & Co.	26 Dec., about
Shanghai	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	5 January
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LOCAL SPORT.

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Hongkong.	36
T. E. Pearce, b White	36
A. C. E. thorough, b White	50
S. H. Dodwell, not out	36
J. S. Lloyd, c and b White	12
H. Hancock, c Robinson White	4
R. Hancock, R. N. Anderson	
R. P. Thursfield, E. A. S.	
Fowler, D. E. Donnelly and	
A. H. Gillingham did not bat.	
Exra	1
Total (for 4 wickets).....	139
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
A. G. White	9.5 0 59 4
W. H. Foster-Pegg	9 1 57 0
Veitch	5 1 28 0
Police Well Beaten.	

Craigengower C.C. completely swamped the Police on Saturday, for neither the latter's batting nor bowling came off and they lost by 92 runs. Taylor and Pestonji for the winners did good execution with the ball, their averages being 4 for 21, and 6 for 20. Scores:

G. A. Woodcock c Bass b Taylor	0
G. Fowler c Bass b Pestonji	6
A. Grimmel c Johnstone b Taylor	2
D. Burlingham l.b.w.b Pestonji	22
W. Crickshank b Pestonji	8
Glenfiddian c Viveash b Taylor	0
W. Pitt b Pestonji	2
K. McLennan c Rose b Pestonji	9
J. Hardy not out	1
W. Cooper b Pestonji	4
J. Kerr c Pestonji b Taylor	1
Exra	7
Total	62
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Taylor	8.2 1 21 4
Pestonji.....	8 0 20 0

Craigengower.	
E. L. Bragg run out	3
H. H. Taylor b Woodcock	5
J. V. Bragg b Moody	20
L. A. Rose c Crickshank b Kerr	22
R. Pestonji b Moody	27
R. A. Carvalho b Kerr	4
W. H. Viveash not out	36
R. Bass c McLennan b Cooper	5
G. A. Hancock c and b Cooper	2
C. Johnstone l.b.w.b Cooper	18
J. D. Nora b Crickshank	1
Exra	5
Total	154
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Moody	9 1 39 2
Woodcock	4 0 16 1
King	3 0 23 0
Kerr	6 0 43 2
Cooper	0 0 18 3
Crickshank 13 0 9 1	

Kowloon B's Victory.	
Kowloon B. were at home on Saturday to the Royal Engineers, winning a friendly game by 110 runs and five wickets, thanks to the good batting of Wilkie, 56 retired, N. L. Railton, 26, Capt. Wood, 24, and L. N. Whyte 24. For the Royal Engineers Sapper Collins did well for 27. In bowling, Capt. Wood for Kowloon took four wickets for 17 runs, and Goldsmith 5 for 27.	
The scores were as follow:	
Kowloon B.	
N. L. Railton b Whyte.....	26
Capt. Wood c Hibberd b Collins	24
A. R. Raven c and b Collius	4
P. W. Wilkins retired	56
D. J. Mackenzie b Tucker	18
H. Scott c Wright b Whyte	11
L. M. Whyte not out	24
W. Douglas not out	4
H. E. Goldsmith	
C. W. Jeffries did not bat.	
E. J. Edward	
Exra	18
Total 185	
Bowling.	O. M. R. W.
Wilkinson	4 0 33 0
Collins	8 1 36 2
Whyte	6 1 35 2
Tucker	2 0 12 1
Wright	4 4 7 0
Hill	2 0 8 0
Miller	3 0 20 0

Royal Engineers.	
Lee Opl. Tucker, b Capt. Wood	6
Spr. Johnson c Scott b Capt. Wood	5
Spr. Wilkinson b Goldsmith	1
Collins c Whyte b Goldsmith	37
Hibberd b Goldsmith	
Wright b Scott	7
Whyte b Goldsmith	5
Wilkinson b Goldsmith	3

South Pole Discoverer.	
Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, lectured before the Royal Geographical Society at Queen's Hall last month on the Antarctic adventures. Describing the arrival at the Pole on December 14, 1911, he said, "The goal was reached. Calm, so calm, stretched the mighty plateau before us, untroubled by the feet of man. It was undeniably a moment of solemnity when all of us, with our hands on the flagstaff, planted the colours of our country on the geographical South Pole on King Haakon VII. Plateau. A little tent was pitched to mark the spot with the Norwegian flag hoisted, and in the tent was left a letter addressed to King Haakon, with the information of what the expedition had done. Judging from the weather conditions this tent might stay there for many years to come."	

Spr. Brown b Capt. Wood	1
Miller b Goldsmith	0
Skelcher not out	0
Hill c Railton b Capt. Wood	2
Extras	7
Total 75	

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.
A. G. Goldsmith
H. F. Goldsmith
H. Scott
D. J. Mackenzie

RACING.

O. M. R. W.
A. G. White
W. H. Foster-Pegg
Veitch

Total (for 4 wickets).....

139

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
G. A. Woodcock c Bass b Taylor
G. Fowler c Bass b Pestonji
A. Grimmel c Johnstone b Taylor
D. Burlingham l.b.w.b Pestonji

22

W. Crickshank b Pestonji

Glenfiddian c Viveash b Taylor

J. Kerr c Pestonji b Taylor

Exra

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Total

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C. W. Jeffries did not bat.

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Exra

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